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TOPIC Reorganization of Volkspolizei Dienststelle 1152 in Eggesin	
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25X1 1. The reorganization of Volkspolizei Dienststelle (VPD) 1152 in Eggesin commenced on 10 January 1952. The 2d, 3d and 6th Sonderabteilungen were broken up and integrated with the 1st through 3d Kommandos (Inf). Each infantry Kommando then consisted of 3 rifle Abteilungen, 1 heavy machine gun Abteilung, 1 medium mortar Zug, 1 signal-communications Zug, 1 engineer Zug and 1 heavy mortar Zug. It was said that the AT artillery and AAA Sonderabteilungen would probably also be integrated with the infantry Kommandos, whereas the reconnaissance and tank Sonderabteilungen were apparently to remain independent tactical units to be employed by higher-echelon command posts. The artillery Kommando was re-organized into a headquarters Zug and five Abteilungen. The position of a director of training was abolished at the date the reorganization became effective. Training matters were been taken care of by the chief of staff after that date. The reorganization seemed to be still in progress by 8 February. [redacted] the structure of each Abteilung was to be changed so that each Kommando would constitute a self-sustaining force which could operate by itself with the support of independent reconnaissance and tank Abteilungen. On 1 February 1952, VPD 1152 numbered about 1,700 police. *

25X1 2. [redacted] officers of VPD 1152 [redacted]

VP Kommandeur Goepfert (fnu)	Commanding officer
VP Oberrat Becker (fnu)	Deputy commander and PK chief
VP Oberrat Deume (fnu)	Head of the party control commission
VP Oberrat Tabbert (fnu)	Chief of staff
VP Oberrat Haack (fnu)	First assistant to the chief of staff, an ex-captain of the former German Armed Forces.
VP Rat Backhaus (fnu)	Second assistant to the chief of staff
VP Oberrat Hauck (fnu)	Chief instructor of artillery training

VP Oberrat Maluschke (fnu)	Signal-communications officer
VP Oberrat Schmidt (fnu)	Motor transport officer
VP Oberrat Hitzinger (fnu)	Administrative officer
VP Inspekteur Malushin (fnu)	Sovietnik, colonel of the Soviet Army

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[] Comment. After absorbing elements of the 2d, 3d and 6th Sonderabteilungen, the infantry Kommandos attained an organizational structure which approximately equals that of Soviet motorized rifle battalions minus AT artillery components. The present report thus appears to refute information [] which spoke of an alleged reformation of infantry Kommandos to regiments, and VPDs to divisions. The key date for the beginning of a general reorganization of the VPDs seems to be 10 January 1952.

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